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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the July 31, 2002, office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please substitute the section beginning at page 6, line 5 and ending at page 6, line 12 with the amended section as follows:

In one form, the composite panel is designed to be able to receive a structural member which acts as a reinforcing element between its sheet structures. The reinforcing element improves the load bearing capability of the panel and preferably comprises a metal beam.

In a particularly preferred form, the edge profiles are designed to be able to receive the reinforcing element so that the reinforcing element is contained within the connection between the adjacent panels and is fully concealed. In this way, a wall formed from the panels may be continuous across the joint which contains the reinforcing element.